

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the foregoing application. Claims 1-3 and 6-10 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over certain claims of US 6,783,683. An obviousness type double patenting rejection may be addressed by the filing of a terminal disclaimer; an appropriate terminal disclaimer is filed herewith.

Claims 4, 5, 11, and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The applicable base claims stand rejected as discussed above under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting. Accordingly, the terminal disclaimer filed herewith serves to remove the basis for the objection to the allowability of claims 4, 5, 11, and 12.

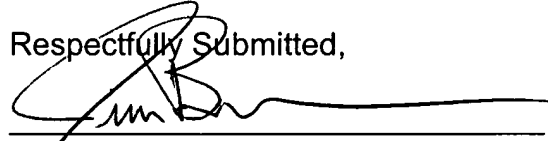
Claims 13-19 are cancelled by means of the foregoing amendment.

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bradley, US 6,372,143, in view of Davis et al., US 4,207,397, and Thorabal, US 6,464,881. Claim 20 has been amended to clarify that the method concerns the one tank treatment process of claims 1-12. In particular, a limitation that the treated fluid is withdrawn from the process tank through a membrane filter has been added to claim 20. Accordingly, claim 20 is allowable over the prior art of record for the same reasons that claims 1-12 are allowable. Claims 21-23 depend from claim 20.

For the foregoing reasons, the application is believed to be in a condition for allowance. If a conversation would help to expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone.

The terminal disclaimer fee of \$130.00 is enclosed herewith. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any deficiency of fees submitted herewith, or the credit of any overpayment, to deposit account number 19-5117.

Respectfully Submitted,

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